

# Centurymen to sing on TV in China

A group of Mississippians are going to be on television — prime time — in China.

The five Mississippians are ministers of music who are members of the Centurymen, a group of 100 singers sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The Mississippi travelers, who will be gone Oct. 31-Nov. 19, are Raymond Ball of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson; Lester Mason of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; James Hayes of First Church, Hattiesburg; Gary Anglin of First Church, Pascagoula; and Dennis McIntire of Midway Church, Jackson.

The Commission is sending them — at their own expense — to China to sing the gospel message in Chinese. Commission President Jimmy

Allen told the Baptist Record this will be the first time any American group will be on prime time Chinese television "much less a Christian group," he said. The program will be broadcast from a studio in Beijing.

Allen said they will be singing songs of the West including gospel and folk songs and choral works. They will also sing phonetically some songs in Chinese. Chinese preachers will preach at the concerts.

The group will sing at the Christian seminary in Nanjing, at the conservatory of music in Shanghai, and at the central conservatory in Beijing.

While the singers are in China, the Commission will have a crew there preparing a one hour documentary for the ABC television network on Christianity in China.



These are the Mississippians making the trip to China with the Centurymen: Left to right; Raymond Ball, Woodville Heights, Jackson; Lester Mason, Harrisburg, Tupelo; James Hayes, First, Hattiesburg; Gary Anglin, First, Pascagoula; Dennis McIntire, Midway, Jackson.

# Child-care bill dies following Senate vote

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — A procedural vote by the U.S. Senate has killed a controversial child-care bill that at one time seemed destined for passage by the 100th Congress.

Following a failed attempt to close debate on a legislative package that included the Act for Better Child Care Services, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said he would not schedule another vote on cloture — a Senate procedure to close debate — thus putting an end to the bill for this year. The cloture effort fell 10 votes short of the 60 required.

In addition to the ABC bill, the package before the Senate contained two other pieces of legislation — one that would have guaranteed 10 weeks of unpaid parental leave for workers and another that would have cracked down on child pornography.

The ABC bill would have authorized distribution of \$2.5 billion to states for child-care services during fiscal year 1989. States would have been required to use 75 percent of those funds

to provide parents with grants or vouchers for the purchase of child-care services from licensed providers.

One provision of the bill related to child-care centers operated by religious institutions. Under the bill, child-care centers sponsored by religious institutions would have been able to qualify for federal funds if they avoided religious instruction, worship or other sectarian activities.

Church-related facilities could not have used federal funds to build new facilities or to discriminate on the basis of religion against children whose care was subsidized with federal funds.

But the bill would have allowed church-related providers to exercise religious preference in hiring employees and, in some cases, to use federal funds to repair or renovate facilities.

About one-third of all day-care services in the nation are provided by church-related facilities.

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# Accreditation occupies Southeastern trustees

By Al Shackleford

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Reaction to accrediting investigations by the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools dominated discussion by trustees of Southeastern Seminary during their fall meeting Oct. 10-11.

Both accrediting agencies have scrutinized the seminary here during recent months. The examinations were prompted by the resignations of the president, most top administrators, and several faculty members. The resignations came after trustees voted in 1987 to change policies so that only biblical inerrantists could be elected to the faculty.

After more than an hour of debate, trustees passed two motions to request assistance from the accrediting bodies and to authorize a trustee committee to prepare responses.

The first action, approved 27-1, called on the seminary to "immediately accept the invitation to utilize the services of the ATS staff in the effort to clarify the relationship and accountability of the trustees to their institution and their churches."

The second motion, approved 24-2, authorized the trustee chairman to "appoint a committee to prepare and present to the board of trustees a trustee response to the ATS report and that in the event the SACS report is circulated to the board of trustees, that the same committee prepare and present to the board of trustees a trustee response to the SACS report."

The ATS accrediting commission is scheduled to visit the campus in December as a followup to a visit in April by an ATS team.

A report from SACS was received by President Lewis A. Drummond and trustee Chairman Robert Crowley on the day the trustee meeting began.

Prior to approving the two motions, the trustees defeated a motion that would have delayed any action until their March 1989 meeting and defeated another motion that would have placed the time of response in the hands of the trustee chairman.

Mark Caldwell of College Park, Md., elected from the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, urged immediate acceptance of the ATS offer of assistance, to avoid the possibility of being cited by the agency.

William Delahoyde of Raleigh, N.C., countered that asking for unspecified help would be premature.

Following the motion to accept the ATS invitation, Delahoyde made the motion to name a committee to

prepare and present to the trustees responses to ATS and to SACS.

Crowley said the the ATS report was "unfair and unobjective."

In his first report to the trustees, Drummond said, "I do not believe we are in any danger whatsoever of losing our accreditation." He added, however, "We must take this report most seriously."

The ATS visiting committee arrived on the campus just days after the April 1 beginning of Drummond's presidency. According to the ATS report, the committee found the campus "a very troubled and divided institution . . . that has suffered the loss of a sense of mutuality and trust among several constituencies that make up the seminary."

An investigating committee from SACS visited the campus in

September.

During other portions of their meeting, trustees also dealt with financial, physical, and faculty matters.

— Crowley of Rockville, Md., was re-elected chairman. Other officers are Delahoyde, vice chairman; Kenneth Stevens of Novi, Mich., secretary; and Arlie McDaniel Sr. of Moscow, Idaho, treasurer.

The trustees were informed that the trustee executive committee had defeated a motion to recommend that "the chair be the spokesman for the board on critical matters and that all requests be directed to the chair." Trustees noted reporters and others will contact any trustee or staff member they believe can provide information about seminary business.

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Bob and Cindy Woodham



Stephen and Susan Bowers

# Foreign Board appoints Mississippi couples

Two couples with Mississippi ties have been appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They are Stephen and Susan Bowers and Bob and Cindy Woodham.

The Bowers will live in Ecuador where he will be starting and developing churches and she will be working in social ministries. He is associate pastor in religious education at Vine Street Church, Louisville, Ky. Recently, she was a social worker at Home of the Innocents in Louisville.

A Georgia native, she is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and earned the master of

divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and the master of social work from Southern Seminary. She was an FMB Journeyman in Thailand.

The Woodhams will live in the Philippines where he will start and develop churches. He is pastor of First Church, Ellorree, S.C.

A native of Missouri, she is a graduate of the Mississippi University for Women and earned the master of music education degree from Florida State University and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary.



# PAC votes to ask changes in policy for filing briefs

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Public Affairs Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to ask a change in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs policy for filing legal briefs.

The change asks the BJC to allow the PAC to approve "any brief filed with any court or agency which purports to represent the Southern Baptist Convention." It also asks the BJC to attach a disclaimer to any BJC brief not approved by the PAC, noting the brief "does not represent the position of the Southern Baptist Convention."

Roy R. Gean Jr., a PAC member from Fort Smith, Ark., said briefs "usually are accumulated over months or even years" and the proposed action should not create a time problem for the BJC.

J.I. Ginnings, a businessman from Wichita Falls, Texas, noted briefs and other legal actions taken by the BJC are based on stated positions previously taken by the BJC. "I see no reason to do this," he said of the change.

"We do not want to have our position misrepresented in a brief," Currin insisted.

In other actions at the annual meeting the BJC:

— Re-elected its officers for another one-year term. They are Marvin C. Griffin, National Baptist Convention of America, chairman; Margaret Prine, American Baptist Churches, first vice chairman; Ginnings, second vice chairman; and Warren Magnuson, Baptist General Conference, secretary.

— Ratified a resolution commending the Soviet Union and its leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, for making "progress toward religious freedom."

And in other business conducted in its own sessions, the PAC:

— Moved to make its meetings "on the record." Previously, the PAC had operated under "background rules," meaning reporters could disclose the substance of discussion and action but could not quote members by name.

The action was taken "to ensure that all Southern Baptists have accurate and free access to information" and to bring the PAC's policy in line with SBC agencies, said Lloyd Elder, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, who made the motion.

— Re-elected Birmingham, Ala., insurance executive Albert Lee Smith as vice chairman and Les Csorba III, an editor from Alexandria, Va., as recording secretary. The PAC chairman is elected by the SBC upon nomination by the SBC Committee on Nominations.

— Re-elected Tom Pratt, a pastor from Brighton, Colo., as newsletter editor and heard plans to expand coverage and to publish quarterly by 1990.

— Re-elected Smith chairman of the staff evaluation committee. It also elected Robbie Hughes, a homemaker from Jackson, Miss., chairman of the long-range planning and study committee, succeeding Richard Land, newly elected executive director of the

SBC Christian Life Commission.

— Elected Norris Sydnor, a pastor from Mitchellville, Md., to a new at-large position on the PAC executive committee, joining the three officers and two committee chairmen.

— Approved a proposed 1989-90 budget of \$75,500, including \$48,000 for the newsletter; \$17,500 for meetings, conferences and exhibits; and \$10,000 for publication of pamphlets.

— Ratified April 21-22, 1989, as the dates for the PAC Religious Liberty Conference in Atlanta.

— Set the next PAC meeting for April 20-21 in Atlanta, to be held in conjunction with the conference.

— Recommended that the BJC chairman name the PAC officers to fill Southern Baptist posts on the BJC executive committee.

The SBC's Elder added: "I can assure you this staff is evaluated on a 12-month basis. It (the evaluation) is just formulated once a year."

The BJC approved its evaluation report 24-8, with only Southern Baptists dissenting.

The specific nature of PAC criticisms of staff activities also surfaced. Particularly noted were staff responses to two civil rights bills.

PAC members criticized the BJC staff for publication of a "fact sheet" and charged the staff helped supporters of the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988 override President Reagan's veto.

Conservatives have criticized the bill, saying it infringes on the rights of religious institutions. The BJC staff has contended it remained neutral on the override and only provided unbiased information about the legislation.

## Accreditation occupies Southeastern trustees

(Continued from page 3) despite any recommendation to the contrary.

— Trustees approved a revised budget for the current fiscal year that will provide for a two percent cost-of-living salary adjustment for all faculty and staff members. The previously adopted budget contained no salary increases.

Drummond said funds for the increases were available because of staff reorganization. The staff now is divided into three sections under vice presidents for academic affairs, internal affairs, and external affairs.

— The trustees approved \$25,000 for a smoke- and fire-alarm system that will be tied to the city fire department.

— They voted to close Bostwick Hall dormitory because of electrical problems that could require \$170,000 for repairs. The two residents will be relocated.

— Five faculty positions now are vacant, and three others will be vacated by next summer, Drummond said. He reported he is in the process of recommending a new vice president for

A PAC-approved resolution calling for corrective amendments in the act and including criticism of the BJC staff was introduced at the BJC meeting, but the BJC adopted instead a resolution similar to one adopted by messengers at the 1988 annual meeting of the SBC.

Another PAC concern involved the Armstrong Amendment to the 1988 District of Columbia Appropriations Bill. The amendment forced the District of Columbia to exempt religious schools and colleges from a D.C. law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

PAC members criticized the BJC staff for remaining neutral on the amendment and for failing to join other conservative Christians in a press conference supporting it. BJC staffers countered they previously had denounced the original D.C. legislation as "bad law." They said they declined to officially get involved with the amendment because it was a local matter, and involved a religious institution that accepts direct government funding.

PAC member Albert Lee Smith, an insurance executive from Birmingham, Ala., proposed a resolution to the BJC expressing dismay at the staff's neutrality and voicing support for the amendment.

PAC member J.T. Williams Jr., a land developer from Tallahassee, Fla., suggested the paragraph critical of the staff be dropped, and the BJC agreed.

Then Robert Tiller, director of government relations for the American Baptist Churches, moved to table the resolution. The motion was tabled on an 18-11 vote.

academic affairs, or dean, in the near future.

— On a 20-7 vote, trustees granted tenure to Roy E. DeBrand, professor of preaching. Tenure had been recommended by Drummond and by the trustees' instruction committee.

The vote came on a written ballot, after the trustees defeated, 11-14, a motion to go into executive session.

However, the trustees voted 17-10 to go into executive session to discuss renaming Janice and Mahan Siler as visiting professors of pastoral care. He is pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. The Silers were not on a list of adjunct professors approved by the trustee instruction committee.

After the executive session, Crowley said trustees upheld the discontinuation of the Silers' adjunctive service.

Caldwell said the trustees decided not to invite the Silers back to the campus partly because of a "Point of View" article Mahan Siler wrote in a Raleigh newspaper that was interpreted by some trustees as advocating homosexual lifestyles.



The family of Virginia Wilson Searight and the late Thomas P. Wilson of Senatobia donated a parcel of land to the Baptist Student Union at Northwest Mississippi Community College for construction of a new facility. Presenting the deed for a lot on Wilson Drive across from Howard Coliseum on the Senatobia campus are, from left, Harriet Wilson Massey, Senatobia; Marianne Wilson Veazey, Jackson; Virginia Wilson Searight; Thomas P. Wilson Jr., Senatobia; Roberta Wilson Mayfield, Senatobia; Rick Alford, BSU director; and John Flowers, pastor of First Church and chairman of the local BSU advisory committee.

## Families donate land for Baptist Student Union

The family of Virginia Wilson Searight and the late Thomas P. Wilson of Senatobia donated a parcel of land to the Baptist Student Union at Northwest Mississippi Community College for construction of a new Baptist Student Center, announced Rick Alford, BSU director.

Located on the Senatobia campus, the 200-by-210-foot lot is directly across from Howard Coliseum on Wilson Drive. Family members signing the deed included Roberta Wilson Mayfield, Harriet Wilson Massey, Thomas Wilson, Jr., all of Senatobia; and Marianne Wilson Veazey of Jackson.

In May of 1988 the BSU entered into a building program with the intention of building on their current location at 202 West St. Upon hearing of the plans, the Wilson family offered

the new site to the BSU.

In December the local advisory committee of the BSU will set a target date for the beginning of construction. "Because of the growth of interest in BSU and the increase of student participation, a new, larger center has become necessary. The ministry of BSU at Northwest has grown to the degree that we can no longer get everyone inside our current building at one time," said Alford.

"We hope to build the new facility in 1989. Because of the generosity of the Wilson family, a new BSU Center at Northwest is closer to becoming a reality. When the new center is complete, it will stand for years to come as a testimonial to the commitment this family has to their Lord and to reaching people in his name."

## Honduras med mission will meet in Clinton

The annual meeting of the Honduras Baptist Medical-Dental Mission will be held on Oct. 29 at Mississippi College, Clinton, in Provine Chapel.

Every other week, for 10 months of each year, medical/dental/evangelical teams travel to the remote villages of the Central American country. Established by the late Charlie Herrington and his wife Carolyn, with the cooperation of Laurel dentist Robert Holifield, this mission has its headquarters in Petal.

At this year's meeting, there will be seminars for team captains, physicians and nurses, dentists, pastors, cooks, pharmacists, and puppet and children's ministries. A new feature this year will be a missions emphasis seminar, to be conducted by Carolyn Herrington.

Registration begins at 9:30 at Provine Chapel. In addition to the seminars and general business meeting, there will be a worship service, with Jerry Masterson, pastor of Brodie Road Church, Biloxi, bringing the message. The music for the day will be directed by Tom Larrimore, minister of music at Hillcrest Church,

Jackson. Several Honduran nationals will be present.

Lunch will be available at the Mississippi College cafeteria. The worship service, which will follow in Provine Chapel, will conclude the meeting.

Approval from others we strive to achieve. Is this really important? Is this what we need? Try looking at yourself as others would see. Then think to yourself, "Am I what I want to be?" — Romy Case, Brookhaven

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# Three pastors freed in abortion protest

ATLANTA (BP) — Three Georgia Baptist pastors arrested in abortion clinic protests Oct. 4 were out of jail on bond Oct. 6, while one remained behind bars under the alias of "Baby John Doe."

Pastor James Wood of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta was the first to be released. Wood, a trustee of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, was released Oct. 5, less than 24 hours after he was arrested for blocking the entrance to an abortion clinic.

L.R. Holleman, pastor of Caleb Road Baptist Church in Lithonia, Ga., and Dwain Mercer of Briarwood Baptist Church in Norcross, Ga., were released about noon Oct. 6. The two pastors, along with Tim Hutchinson, one of Mercer's deacons, spent two days in jail.

David Lively, pastor of Northbrook Baptist Mission in Suwanee, Ga., planned to remain in jail over the weekend under the alias of "Baby John Doe." Lively refused to give his real name to symbolize the plight of unborn children who are the victims of abortion, according to those arrested with him.

The four ministers are part of Operation Rescue, a group of evangelical Christians that have

periodically blocked entrances to Atlanta's abortion clinics since July 19. The non-violent protesters call themselves "rescuers" because they attempt to save unborn babies by physically blockading abortion clinics.

At least two other Baptist laypeople were arrested Oct. 4. Both Mercer and Hutchinson said police never read them their rights, did not allow them telephone access and prevented them from seeing their lawyer.

Neither man was released from jail until almost 24 hours after bond had been posted for them, they said.

A trial date of Oct. 18 has been set for those arrested Oct. 4. Wood and others involved in the non-violent protests received commendation from interim executive director of the Christian Life Commission. Robert Parham said that "Many Southern Baptists may not see eye to eye on the issue of abortion. But all Southern Baptists ought to affirm the biblical truth and Baptist tradition that a believer must follow the dictates of conscience, even if it results in the violation of the law of the state. To be Baptist has meant and must continue to mean freedom — freedom to obey Christ rather than Caesar."



Please Don't Litter!

## Re: parking at convention

Mississippi Baptists heading for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Nov. 14-16 in Jackson, need to know two things about parking — their cars and themselves.

Parking cars will be difficult around the First Baptist Church area because of construction. Arrangements have been made for messengers to park at the fairgrounds just behind the super-slide at the Jefferson Street entrance. Shuttle vans will be available for all sessions, going to and from First Church.

As was provided in years past, tickets for parking too long in legal spaces will be forgiven, according to the Jackson police chief.

As to parking of the messengers, hotels listed below are offering special rates to those indicating they are attending the MBC.

Admiral Benbow (948-4161), single — \$30, double — \$36; Coliseum Ramada Inn (969-2141), single or double — \$45; Holiday Inn, Downtown (969-5100), single — \$40, double — \$45; Red Roof Inn (956-7707 or 1-800-848-7878), range from \$26.95 plus tax for single to \$34.95 plus tax for double; Sheraton Regency (948-8605), \$50 flat rate, single or double.

## RA Day: Nov. 12

Mississippi missionary to Singapore Don Dent will be featured speaker for the annual RA Day to be held at the Mississippi College Coliseum in Clinton Nov. 12.

The program is for boys in grades 1-12 and their leaders. It is not limited to boys in Royal Ambassador programs.

Besides Dent, Christian testimonies, and dinner, the program includes the football game between Mississippi College and Delta State University.

Cost of the event which begins at 2 p.m. that Saturday and concludes after the game (which should be over about 8 p.m.) is \$7 per person. To register, write the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Journeyman's assignment is changed to Zimbabwe

Janet Houston of Starkville was appointed as a journeyman of the Foreign Mission Board to serve as a nurse in Ethiopia, but was denied entry by the government there.

Instead, the FMB is sending her to serve in the Sanyati Baptist Hospital

in Sanyati, Zimbabwe. She plans to leave the States in November, pending clearance of her paperwork.

The Sanyati hospital has 75 beds and is run by the government but has medical missionaries of the FMB on the staff.

# Southwest elects Hewlett president

BOLIVAR, Mo. (BP) — Edwin Hewlett Jr., a businessman from Picayune, Miss., and former dean at

Mississippi College, was elected president of Southwest Baptist University here during an Oct. 3-4 meeting of trustees.

Hewlett, a native of the St. Louis area, succeeds Charles P. Chaney, who resigned June 30, 1986, to devote full time to the SBC Redford School of Theology. Chaney since has left the school to join the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The election ended 27 months during which the school operated without a president.

Chancellor James E. Sells announced the election. At the Missouri Baptist Convention-related school, the chancellor is chief executive officer and the president is responsible for daily operations, "much as a vice

president would be" at other schools, Sells said.

Hewlett, whose father was pastor of Southwest Baptist Church in the St. Louis area for nearly 35 years, is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton, where he received bachelors and masters degrees and Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he received a doctor of philosophy degree in higher education.

He taught high school for a year and was instructor in English and dean of men at Mississippi College for eight years. For two years he was assistant to the executive secretary of the Florida Junior College Conference and then associate executive secretary of the Florida Community College Activities Association.

Since 1976, Hewlett has been involved in private business, first as vice president of a Louisiana steel company and then as president of his own firm in Picayune, Miss. Since 1981, he primarily has worked in investments.

Hewlett's wife, Marguerite, is a high school teacher. They have three children.

# Missionaries help out during games at Seoul

By Erich Bridges

SEOUL, South Korea (BP) — As victorious American diver Greg Louganis prepared to receive an Olympic gold medal, Southern Baptist missionary Barbara Jackson combed his wet hair with motherly concern, carefully avoiding the stitches covering the gash he received earlier when he collided with the diving board.

Meanwhile, missionary David Bishop was speaking at court-side to the U.S. women's basketball team at the invitation of Coach Kay Yow, an active Christian, and Assistant Coach Barbara Gill, a Southern Baptist. And over at the modern pentathlon competition, missionary T. Thomas from France was acclaimed a lucky mascot by the French team after they won an event while he was with the team on the sidelines.

Nearly 45 Southern Baptist missionaries — including 13 taking vacations or brief leaves from assignments in nine outside countries — worked alongside Korean Baptists at the Olympic Games in Seoul. Their goal: to provide a helping hand and a Christian message to as many foreign visitors as possible.

tries were not the main focus of the missionaries' ministry, said Bishop, but "whatever we get to do with the athletes or inside the Olympic Village is gravy."

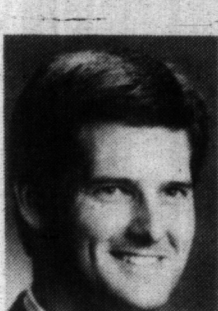
Missionary team leader Bishop, a competitive marathon runner from South Carolina, has spent years preparing for this moment. Long before the games began, he led many

of his fellow missionaries to work closely with the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee and its president, Baptist layman Park Seh Jik.

They taught English to Olympic workers and provided a variety of other services.

The ministry shifted into high gear a week before the games began, when missionaries and Olympic officials gathered near the main stadium to open Baptist Visitors' Center — a service and hospitality oasis for all foreigners in Seoul for the games. Halfway through the Olympics, the center was averaging about 75 visitors a day, including many athletes' family members needing assistance or just eager to hear a familiar language. Wearing special red, white and blue warm-up outfits designed and provided by the Adidas Shoe Company, teams of missionaries and Korean Baptists rotate between the center, the main sports complex and the streets of Seoul giving assistance, answering questions and talking to as many people as possible. In addition to the athletes, an estimated 200,000 foreign visitors were in Seoul for the games. Another 13 Korea missionaries, like Barbara Jackson, were assigned by the Olympic Organizing Committee as interpreters and assistants at the track and field, swimming, diving/water polo and gymnastics venues. Bishop received full access to all sports sites and Olympic Village.

Erich Bridges writes for the Foreign Mission Board. Missionary Lounette Templeton contributed to this story.



Ware

Dexter Ware is new pastor of Sunflower Church, Sunflower. He has been interim pastor of Branch Church, Scott County. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.



Hill

Larry Hill has recently become the pastor of First Church, Lyman. A native of New Albany, Hill has been a pastor in Mississippi for the past 21 years. He received his education from Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. He moved from Harrisville Church, Harrisville. While at Harrisville the church built a new sanctuary which was dedicated Oct. 9. He and his family were welcomed with a reception and pounding, Oct. 2.

Duane Weems, 21, of Laurel, has been called as minister of youth and children at Pilgrim's Rest Church, Crystal Springs. He began his work there Oct. 2. Weems is a student at Mississippi College.

Richard Colwell has resigned as pastor of the East Howard Church, Biloxi, to accept the pastorate of an English speaking church in Germany.

Randy Atkisson has resigned as pastor of the Shifalo Memorial Church, Gulf Coast, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Foxworth.

James (Jim) Harris, a native of Magee, has moved on the field of DeSoto Church, Clarke Association, from Hollywood Church, Sledge.

Harris is a graduate of Mississippi College and received a master of divinity degree from Mid-America Seminary, Memphis.

He preached his first message on Sunday morning, Sept. 25. Lunch was served following the service.

Also, on this date, Lamar Callahan, began his second year at DeSoto as minister of music and youth.

Robert Goodman is now minister of music at Parkview Church, Baton Rouge, La. He moved from Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

Greg Winningham from Emmanuel Church, Denham Springs, La. is now serving as pastor of Houston Road Church, Laurel. O. B. Robertson served as the interim pastor for 15 months.



More than a merger

# "What God has joined together . . ."

By Tim Nicholas

An ice storm in Columbus last February led to a church wedding — of sorts.

Calvary Church in Columbus had been losing ground for the past 20 years. In 1963 there were 300 in Sunday School. By 1988, 150 made a good Sunday. The neighborhood was changing from white to black and new growth simply was not happening.

Last year they took a poll concerning moving but 41 percent, including a lot of leaders, voted against a move. So Pastor Roy Hawkins put the problem on the back burner and made it an object of prayer.

The final back-breaking moment

where they were, then repair what they had and not build anything new. "You can't pay for it and you won't need it," he said.

Smith's honesty was appreciated. Hawkins told the congregation that night. He suggested the entire prayer meeting be spent in prayer and he "specifically asked the Lord for some sign we could all see and recognize as to what his will would be," he said.

The next morning with no prior communication, Tommy Whaley was in Hawkins' office with the answer.

Whaley was then pastor of Faith Church, also in East Columbus and whose attendance had fallen to about

young people." And she added, that the new members from Faith "are the sweetest people . . . (We've had) sweet fellowship since the beginning."

The first joint meeting of the two churches was when Calvary needed to baptize a young man. They did it at Faith.

Then, last April, after both churches had voted to merge. Hawkins and Whaley led the two groups in a . . . well, it sounded a lot like a wedding service.

The Faith group met one last time that Sunday morning, baptizing several new members, then met with the Calvary group that night.

Director of missions J.C. Mitchell preached the sermon that evening on the meaning of the church. "He did a beautiful job," said Hawkins. Faith members sat on one side of the aisle and the Calvary folks sat on the other.

Whaley and Hawkins stood behind the Lord's supper table and the two churches' deacon chairmen Dwight Andrews of Faith and John Newell of Calvary walked from the back to lay the two church rolls on the table.

Then the two ministers went through a combination wedding ceremony and church covenant reading. The two congregations "exchanged vows, vowed to love and support one another and become one body of believers in Christ," said Hawkins. The service ended with the singing of "We are one in the bond of love."

Newell said there have been serious inquiries concerning purchase of the Calvary property. But for the present they are all meeting in the fellowship hall at Calvary until they can get the new building built on the Faith property. Groundbreaking took place recently with services at the Faith location. Though they still aren't ready to build they had the groundbreaking "to show the world we mean business," said Hawkins. And they're committed to the Southern Baptist way of missions. They are giving 11 percent to the Cooperative Program and plan to add a third of a percent each year to the end of the century.

A local television reporter telling about the merger, commented on the refreshing nature of such an event. He said it is a tremendous undertaking to build a new worship center and fill the sanctuary with people. He added, "But through Faith and Calvary, all things are possible."

## The marriage service

Services Merging Calvary and Faith Baptist Church  
April 24, 1988

*Dearly beloved: We are gathered together this evening in the presence of God to become one body of believers in his sight. Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God we do now most solemnly and joyfully enter into the covenant with one another and with Christ.*

*Will you therefore promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; and to contribute cheerfully and systematically to the support of the kingdom of God?*

*Congregation response — We will*

*Will you promise also to maintain family worship, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our friends and loved ones, and to walk circumspectly in the world?*

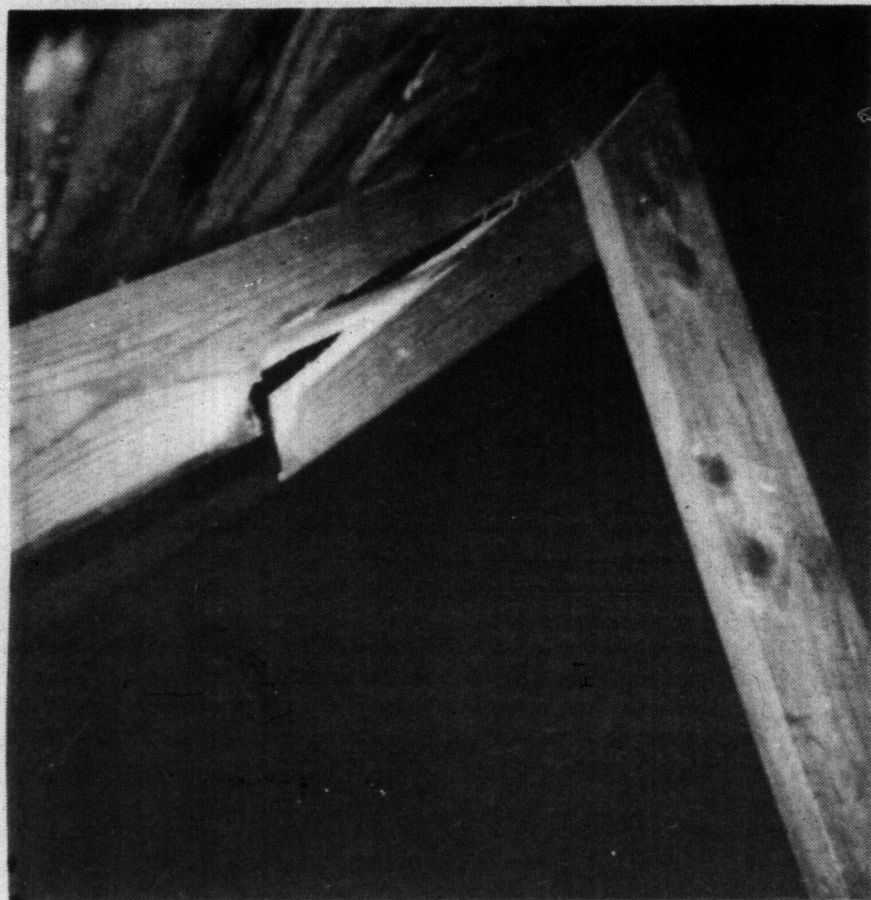
*Congregation response — We will*

*Will you promise to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, and to cultivate the Spirit of Christ in all thing?*

*Congregation Response — We will*

*For in as much as Calvary Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church have consented together to become one Body of Believers in Christ, I pronounce that we are now one in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit bless preserve, and keep us. May the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, so that we may labor together with Christ in the building of his Kingdom.*

*Amen!*



Calvary's rafter

was the ice storm. The chairman of the building and maintenance noticed the roof was really sagging afterwards and went to the attic with a flashlight and Polaroid camera. Dry rot had set in and the heavy ice had broken a number of the trusses and rafters. The roof could have fallen in at any time, said contractors. Most said they wouldn't even work on it themselves.

It was so dangerous that the congregation had to move services into the fellowship hall.

That's when the church called in Neron Smith, who, until a few weeks ago was the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Building Consultant. He has moved to the Cooperative Missions Department as language missions consultant now and has been replaced by James Harrell.

Smith inspected the situation and told the pastor and several other leaders there was no question the building was in a bad condition. Then, members recalled, Smith put his briefcase down and said "And furthermore, if you stay where you are, you're going to die."

He said if they planned to stay

40. Whaley had heard that Calvary had been considering relocation, but he didn't know the sanctuary had been condemned nor did he know about the fleece that had been set out the previous evening.

Whaley suggested they begin talking merger.

What finally happened was something less than and something more than a merger. The Faith folks voted 100 percent to give their property to Calvary, have their membership join Calvary, and ask Calvary to move to the Faith facilities. Calvary lost three or four families over the proposal, but most members accepted it readily. Hawkins became pastor of both congregations and Whaley received a call — almost immediately — from First Church, Shannon.

Mildred Bailey, a member from Calvary said she didn't believe a church would give up its identity. But she learned differently. Dwight Andrews of Faith said they had to do one thing or another; they were just at a standstill.

Calvary charter member Mrs. Joe Foster said she's leaving the Calvary property with mixed emotions. But, she said, "I'm thrilled to death for the



At the Calvary Church, Columbus, groundbreaking are, from left, Dwight Andrews, chairman, building committee; Gene Gregg, vice chair, building committee; Roy Hawkins, pastor; Ron Cooke, member, building committee; and Gilbert Lowe, church treasurer and building committee member.

## Ministers' wives will meet Nov. 14 in Jackson at FBC Family Life Center

A conference for ministers' wives will take place the afternoon preceding the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The meeting will take place Nov. 14, 1:15 to 5 p.m. at the Family Life Center of First Church, Jackson.

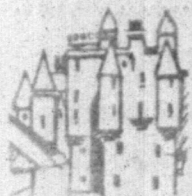
The program consists of fellowship and four workshop sessions with opportunity to attend two.

Topics and speakers are "Stress in the Minister's Family," led by Sara Perkins, wife of Clifton Perkins retired director of the Church/Minister Relations Department, MBCB; "Self Worth," led by Jill Baker, wife of Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, Clinton; "Handling Finances in the Parsonage," led by Bonita Bridges, financial advisor with the county extension service in Rankin County; and "What

Makes a Happy Wife," led by Marjorie Kelly, wife of Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer, MBCB.

Limited child care for pre-schoolers is available but requires advance registration. Write Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 prior to Nov. 7. There is no cost for the conference.





## Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



### Commissioned for Jordan

Shirley Oglesby was commissioned, during the Oct. 14 chapel service in the Baptist Building, to foreign mis-



sions in Ajloun, Jordan. Mose Dangerfield led the special prayer, and Earl Kelly gave the challenge. Shirley had previously been commissioned as a missionary associate by the Foreign Mission Board in July at Glorieta.

For 3½ years, she has been preschool and children's consultant for the Church Training department, MBCB, and day care and kindergarten consultant for the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department. For ten years before that she had been administrator of the preschool division of Parkway Church, Jackson, where she is a member. (She lives at 702 Dunton Road, Clinton.)

Wearing a corsage of lilies like some that grow in Jordan, she gave her testimony at chapel. She said, "My call to missions came at age 18, a call I did not respond to, but never forgot. However, I now know that God could use me much more effectively now that he could have then . . .

"I had to unlearn things such as prejudices, the practice of making judgments based on outward appearances, race, or creed. I had to learn that Christianity is not just a religion, but a daily relationship with the person of Jesus Christ."

Born Shirley Smith at Brandon, she

grew up at Puckett. She was baptized at County Line Church, Rankin County, at age 11. Teaching GAs, she says, she is sure played a role in her call at 18. "But then I met a tall, handsome Marine, John Oglesby, and married him six months later."

The couple had two children, a daughter, Terri, and a son, Rod. Then, when Shirley was 37, her husband died of cancer. Through that experience, she recalls, "I learned about getting your priorities straight . . . I learned what real love is, both in my family as well as in the church, both of which I had taken lightly. I learned what strength of character is as I watched the witness of my husband during his illness. As a widow with two children I learned about total dependence, about taking responsibility, about making decisions."

The children were 11 and 13 when their father died. Shirley taught in elementary school, as well as kindergarten, to support her family, before taking the job at Parkway. Now Terri is a nurse and Rob is a naval aviator. Both are married. Terri has one child and expects another to arrive this Christmas. Rod's first child is scheduled to be born this Thanksgiving.

Before her husband died, Shirley already had a B.S. degree from California State University. Afterward, she earned a master of education degree from Mississippi College and doctorate in elementary education, early childhood, from Jackson State University. The mission call remained, in her thoughts.

A few years ago, she attended Day

Spring at Glorieta; during that meeting she decided that to be a foreign missionary was what she really wanted to do.

After her son was married last year, she recalls, "I felt good about parenting. I was happy about where my children were, and I felt like 'Now I can do what I began thinking about doing a long time ago.' " So she began the long and complicated application process with the Foreign Mission Board, not knowing where they would send her.

They needed someone with an advanced degree to be administrator of a school for Arab children at Ajloun, Jordan, which includes kindergarten through 6th grade.

Because of the large concentration of Moslems, they must allow a class in the Koran to be taught, she said, but they also can teach the Bible, and can have chapel services in the school.

During November and December she will be in orientation at the Missionary Learning Center at Rockville, Virginia. Then she will go to Johns Hopkins University in January, to study Arabic for six months.

"God granted me the courage to try and allowed me to fail and start over many times," she said, "giving me the wisdom to believe that it is never too late to be used in his kingdom."

"I hope that he is not through with me yet because I believe with all my heart that I am in his perfect will and am trusting him for gifts and skills that I will need . . . I am claiming his promises . . . that he will not forsake me and that all I have to do is to ask and he will open doors."

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### Deaf have new phone link to Foreign Mission Board

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Deaf Southern Baptists who want current foreign missions information now can call the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and get what they need.

A telephone-typewriter-like machine, called a telecommunication

device for the deaf or TDD, will link deaf Southern Baptists to prayer needs throughout the world and to opportunities for missions involvement. The board's TDD also will be able to take messages 24 hours a day. The TDD number is 804-754-9402.

### Sullivan has cancer surgery

NASHVILLE (BP) — James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and former Southern Baptist Convention president, underwent surgery for stomach cancer Oct. 11 at Baptist Hospital here.

James Porch, Sullivan's son-in-law and pastor of First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn., said the surgery "revealed a form of lymphoma," but that Sullivan's physician expressed

"optimism" following the surgery in which a portion of his stomach was removed.

Sullivan's recovery is expected to take several weeks, Porch said.

Sullivan, 78, was president of the Sunday School Board from 1953 until his retirement in 1975. He was president of the SBC 1977-1978.

Family members said Sullivan's wife, Velma, is continuing to improve following treatment for cancer earlier this year.

### Conservative leader changes political parties

AUSTIN, Texas (BP) — Paul Pressler, a leader in the conservative movement in the Southern Baptist Convention and a Texas appeals court judge, has shifted from the Democratic party to the Republican party.

In a telephone interview, Pressler told Baptist Press that with the victory of conservative candidate Jerry Vines in the 1988 SBC, conservatives have gained control of the denomination.

### Court accepts new church-state cases

WASHINGTON (BP) — Returning to the bench for a new term, the U.S. Supreme Court added to its 1988-89 calendar a pair of church-state disputes to be argued and decided by next summer.

In the more highly publicized of the two, the high court announced it will decide whether Allegheny County (Pa.) and the city of Pittsburgh may

permit the display of a Jewish menorah and a Christmas nativity scene on public property.

In the other case, justices will decide if an Illinois man who objects for religious reasons to working on Sundays is entitled to unemployment compensation for refusing to take a job that would have required Sunday work.

### Devotional

### "These things are written . . ." Foreign mission budget drops below total of '88 budget

By John W. Wade Sr.

I John 5:13

Some of the most disturbing statements that I have experienced in my Christian ministry of nearly 50 years have been: "I think I have been saved, but . . ." "I hope I have been saved . . ." "I may have accepted Christ at one time, but I'm not sure."



I cannot believe that any person who has ever met the Christ of Calvary personally can ever doubt that new birth experience — the spiritual birth. We know that we were born physically because we are yet physically alive. We were there the day we were born in the flesh in the family home or in a local hospital but we do not remember anything about our "flesh" birth even though we were a part of the birth process. Our mother told us all about that time of our birth and told us that our flesh-father was (is) her husband. During the passing years we become so much in appearance (image) like our flesh-parents that we have no doubts that we are their child.

On the other hand, the day we were spiritually born we were there, and we remember each moment and act of that new birth. We remember our recognition of our lostness and helplessness, and the summons of our great spiritual Physician to create in us a new heart, a new life, a new being (creation) by forgiving us of our sin and saving our soul (spiritual surgery, regeneration) as we confess our sin (rejection of Christ) and received him as our Savior. Blood bought, born-again believer!

Oh, the joy and completeness that became ours in Christ's new creative work in our soul — the true living, eternal being. Yes, we can know (must know) that we are saved, "no doubt about it" saved. Saved and know so! — by the way we met our Heavenly Father at the time of our divine birth — salvation by faith through grace!

Wade is pastor, Bond Church, Wiggins.

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board adopted a \$167.7 million budget for next year — \$95,000 less than the 1988 budget and the first such decrease since the Great Depression years of the 1930s.

The decision not to increase the budget was made "in light of a second consecutive \$5 million shortfall in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" earlier this year, Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks told trustees.

The two main sources of funding for the foreign mission budget — which supports more than 3,800 missionaries in 113 countries — are Southern Baptist gifts to the annual Lottie Moon offering and the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget. The Lottie Moon goal has not been met since 1981, and some church leaders have threatened to cut back giving through the Cooperative Program because of their dissatisfaction with the direction of the Southern

Baptist Convention.

Parks told state Baptist convention executives in September that eroding budget support eventually could force a retreat from sending new missionaries.

Mission planners have budgeted \$72.5 million for 1989 from anticipated Lottie Moon receipts — \$11.5 million less than the goal of \$84 million but still more than 43 percent of the total budget. Some \$68.8 million, or 41 percent of the budget, is expected from Cooperative Program gifts.

Investment income is projected to total \$11.5 million, and \$7.9 million is expected from designated income and other sources.

The cost of supporting missionaries on the field and sending new ones as the missionary force expands will reach \$104.7 million next year. That is more than 62 percent of the total budget and \$2.3 million above 1988.

Cutbacks in projected mission funds will "affect every part of our work, even evangelism and church planting,

our No. 1 reason for being overseas in the first place," Vice President for Finance Carl Johnson said. "We can say missionary support is excluded from the cuts, but even that would not be correct, because the missionaries will receive no increase in their compensation," except for essential cost-of-living supplements.

Capital funding also continues a downward trend. The capital budget of \$9.4 million — for missionary housing, cars, church buildings, and the like — is 5.6 percent of the budget, the lowest percentage in at least 25 years.

As missionaries need more and more money for basic support and work budgets, less money has been available for overseas capital needs. But eventually cars and housing must be replaced or added as the mission force grows.

The 1989 Foreign Mission Board budget for Richmond, Va., staff support, administration and promotion is \$20.7 million — \$317,000 below 1988 — or 12.4 percent of the budget.





## Powerline for teens

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### Teenager seeks life's meaning

#### QUESTION:

In my 15 years, I've seen a brother and sister leave home, my parents separate and come back together, and my friends leave the scene completely. Death, life, hate and 100 kinds of love are nothing new to me. I'm so confused and feel so insignificant. What can one 15-year old girl do, or even hope to become? What road can I follow? I'd like to write but feel short on talent in the face of the competition. When, if ever, will I be happy? That's the big question.

#### ANSWER:

First of all, there are certain things we cannot change, such as the actions of other people. People are going to come and go, marry and separate, and in general live their lives to suit themselves.

Second, there are things in life

which we must learn to accept, such as death.

Determining who you are now includes what you can become as a whole person. At the moment, there isn't a great deal that you can do to make an impression on the world. The thing to do is to strive to become the best whole person that you were created to be. I feel that those who are sincerely searching for truth will find it. Reading an easy to understand translation of the Bible is a good place to start that search for truth. Try getting a general knowledge of past and present philosophies and see how they fit our world today.

You'll be happy when you realize one day that you have found that truth—you were looking for and have become a whole person. Right now, commitment to that search for truth should bring you into such involvement with life that you won't have time to worry about being unhappy.

My impression from your letter is that you have the perception and sensitivity it takes to become a writer. Life is full of competition in every field, and that's just one more reason to continue a fervent search for truth and the reality of life.

## Revival-homecoming will mark Forest Hill Church's 50th year

The 50th anniversary of Forest Hill Church, Jackson, will be celebrated on Oct. 23, with homecoming, a covered-dish luncheon and the beginning of revival. Services that day are at 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m. The revival will continue through Oct. 26 with services at 7 p.m.

Tommy Green, pastor, First, Buford, Ga., will preach. Music will be led by Larry McEwen, former minister of youth at Forest Hill and currently minister of youth-music at Pleasant Heights, Columbia, Tenn. He will also be in concert at Forest Hill on Sat. evening, Oct. 22.

On July 17, 1938 a group of people in the Forest Hill community met in the auditorium of Forest Hill High School to organize a Baptist church. There were ten charter members. J. N. Holloway became the first pastor. Mrs. J. F. Hill gave land on which the first building was constructed, on Raymond Road south of Siwell Road. The church was named Siwell Church at that time.

The building, now on Maddox Road was constructed in 1950, and the name was changed to Forest Hill Church.

In 1966, the church called Wilbur Irwin as pastor. He served until 1986. Mrs. Irwin served as church secretary from 1968 until 1976. During Irwin's 20 year pastorate extensive renovation and expansion was done.

Following a mission trip to India in 1979, Irwin was instrumental in getting the church to support mission work in India and was responsible for the construction of a Baptist church there in 1981. The church continues to support this work in India today.

On January 31, 1988 the church called James B. Alford from New Hope, Meadville, as pastor. Though he and wife, Judy, and their two children have only been on the scene since March of this year, Alford has already been instrumental in the ordination to the ministry of Asung Lungleng and in getting him appointed as a home missionary in the Dayton, Ohio, area.

### Mississippi Baptist activities

- Oct. 24-26 Youth Ministries Workshop; Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; 1:30 p.m., 24th-1 p.m., 26th (CAPM)
- Oct. 28-29 Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; Noon, 28th-2 p.m., 29th (CoMi)
- Oct. 28-30 International Student Conference; Camp Garaywa; 4 p.m, 28th-Noon, 30th (SW)



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

## Wiggins (Leake) honors Arthurs

Wiggins Church, Leake County, gathered for two experiences on July 10: dedicating the new parking lot and celebrating Otis Arthur's 90th birthday. The church family, friends, and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur gathered on the new parking lot for the formal dedication.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur paid for the parking lot. He said, "I want to walk on it before I leave here." Both Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are charter members of Wiggins Church and he is senior deacon. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sept. 29.

A birthday cake was presented to Mr. Arthur and a meal was served, with fellowship in honor of the couple. "I have been their pastor for almost 18 years and it has been a joy," said Carlton Jones, pastor at Wiggins.

## MC considered in college book

Mississippi College has been included in Consider A Christian College, a new 125-page college guide from Peterson's, the Princeton-based publisher of college and career references.

Each institution's profile includes information about denominational affiliation, majors offered, costs and financial aid, location, student life, application procedures, enrollment patterns, and athletics.

Consider A Christian College is available at bookstores around the country and copies may be secured from the Christian College Coalition office, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Suite 603, Washington D.C. 20036. The cost is \$12.95 and includes postage and handling.

## Homecomings

First Church, Clinton: 136th homecoming; Oct. 23; worship at 8:30 and 11; Sunday at 9:30; former members as speaker — Claude L. Howe Jr., professor of church history at New Orleans Seminary, and as singer — Cindy Loftin Grace from Clewiston, Fla.; covered dish luncheon.

Liberty (Newton): Oct. 23; John T. Carter, Birmingham, Ala., morning speaker; pot luck lunch; afternoon, John T. and Frances Carter will show slides from two trips to China; J. B. Costilow, pastor.

First, Pearl: Oct. 23, 35th anniversary; James Edwards preaching at 10:45 a.m.; dinner on the grounds; Gospel Echoes will sing at 1:15 p.m.

## Revival dates

Woodhaven Church, Ocean Springs: Oct. 23-28; Ed McDaniel, guest speaker at all services; Burl Cooley, minister of music; Tracy Martin, pastor.

38th Avenue, Hattiesburg: Oct. 23-26; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. 7 p.m.; evangelist, Larry Taylor from Bandera, Tex.; music evangelist, Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg.

Anding (Yazoo): Oct. 19-23; Wed.-Sat., 7 nightly; Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds, afternoon service, 1 p.m.; Joe Hill, pastor, preaching; Renee Douglas, music.

Dry Creek (Rankin): Oct. 23-26; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; James Brannon, pastor, Highland, Meridian, evangelist; Danny Gray, music; Jerry Glass, pastor.

Clarke-Venable, Decatur: Oct. 23-27; Mon.-Thurs., services, 12 noon, covered dish lunch, and 7 p.m.; Phillip Marshall, pastor, Cullomburg, Silas, Ala., guest preacher; Mickey Gentry, minister of music, First, Philadelphia, interim pastor.

Riverside Church, Monticello: Oct. 24-28; Mon.-Fri., services at 7 nightly; evangelist, Sammy J. McDonald, pastor of Carmel Church, Monticello; theme for revival, "A New Beginning"; guest music and congregational led by James Nation; J. W. Baker, interim pastor.

## Sand Hill (Jones) to mark 50th year

Sand Hill Church, Jones Association, is planning its 50-year anniversary for Oct. 23. The church was organized on Oct. 21, 1938, with 19 charter members.

Special services will begin at 11 a.m. Former pastor of the church, Cecil Roberson of Meridian, will bring the morning message. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Services will resume at 1:30. Presentation of a WMU centennial quilt made by the church's Baptist Women will be made to the church. Former music director Jim Hulon will lead the song services.

All former pastors will be recognized and allotted a time to give recollections of their pastorates. James Shumate is pastor.

## Clinton men fight hunger

The Baptist Men of First Church, Clinton, developed what, for them, was a novel way to promote world hunger support.

Under the leadership of Norman O'Neal, director, the officers personally purchased the food for a recent Thursday evening supper which featured a presentation by Ferrell Blankenship, director of Broadcast Services at the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Rather than having to pay for the meal, as had always been the custom, the members of Baptist Men were asked instead to make a contribution to World Hunger. Although the crowd was smaller than usual, \$628 was given.

Antioch Church, Florence: Oct. 23-26; Sun.-Wed. at 7 p.m.; Mike Routon, Flora, evangelist; Todd Vance, Jackson, music; Barry Ward, pastor.

Swiftwater, Greenville: Oct. 23-28; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 12 noon and 7 p.m.; Grady D. Crowell, director of missions, Clarke Association, Quitman, evangelist; Joe Clark, Dogwood Grove, Montevallo, Ala., music; Alva Ray McCorkle, pastor.

## Topeka will celebrate 50th

Topeka Church, Lawrence County, will celebrate its 50th year on Oct. 23. Sunday School will begin at 10. Chester Jones, Hayesville, S.C., will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service.

After the covered dish luncheon, the Jubilation Quartet, Deacon's Quartet, and Sonshine Trio will sing at the afternoon service.

The church will hold revival services at 7 nightly, Oct. 24-26 with Chester Jones as evangelist. Mike Reid is pastor.

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# Just for the Record

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First Church, Starkville, is holding separate worship services just for university students, according to pastor Ray Lloyd.

The service is at 9:30, followed by Bible College with three classes for each college class.

Students plan the whole service, at which Lloyd preaches. About 50 university singers form the choir; they serve as ushers, take up the offering, give testimonies, and welcome visitors.

Two of the first four Sundays Lloyd baptized some of their number. He said about 250 were in attendance so far with another 250 in the second morning service (at which the adults are allowed.)

Jeff Powell is minister to students.

Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain (Tippah) has licensed Ruben Raquel to the gospel ministry. On Aug. 28, the church recognized him and presented him a certificate of license. Ruben Raquel is a sophomore at Blue Mountain College. A native of the Philippines, he moved to Hawaii at age 15. He was converted while in high school. He served three years in the U.S. Army. While he was stationed in Georgia, the minister of youth's wife at First Baptist Church in Hinesville told him about Blue Mountain College. He began his studies at BMC in January 1988. He is active in the college BSU. Matt Buckles is the Lowrey Memorial pastor.

Pearson Church's second annual fall festival will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. until . . . Pearson Church is located at 151 S. Pearson Road, Pearl.

County Line Church near Mendenhall will hold a singing Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Anne and Peggy Epperson, from Hillcrest, Jackson, will be the singers. Anne and Peggy have recorded an album entitled "His Name Will Live Forever." County Line is located between Puckett and Mendenhall, off of Highway 13 on the Rankin/Simpson county line.

NEW ORLEANS — A "Models for Metropolitan Ministry" conference will be held at New Orleans Seminary Dec. 12-14, sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Conference speakers from Mississippi will include Cliff Shipp, pastor, Highland Church, Jackson.

The WMU of Mt. Olive Church, Amite County, celebrated 100 years of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. When the WMU centennial was observed in Richmond, Va., the Mt. Olive Baptist Women also presented a program of WMU history in their own church, and attended the Mississippi Baptist Association's centennial celebration. Mt. Olive WMU members made a centennial quilt; this was shown at church and association celebrations and each

design was explained.

Mrs. Georgie Nell Thornton was the church's centennial chairman; Mrs. Mildred Nettles is WMU director; Mrs. Lillibell Fenn is Baptist Women's president; Joe Campbell is pastor.

First, Greenville, Single Adult group observed Single Adult Sunday, October 6 at the evening worship service with Chaplain Al Cannon, Senatobia of Gaddour Memorial Center Nationally renowned, Miracles Choir leading the worship and music. The Singles Ensemble of the church sang during the morning service followed by a fellowship Dutch Treat lunch.

Camp Ground, (Yalobusha): presented perfect attendance Sunday School pins to Barbara Warren, 2 yrs.; Tammi Kelly, 2 yrs.; Annette Goodwin, 2 yrs.; Scott Story, 1 yr; and Wayne Burrowes, 1 yr. Lloyd Defer is Sunday School director.

Wheeler Church, Prentiss Association, has celebrated the WMU centennial all year. Twenty-six of their Baptist Women were involved in making a centennial quilt. The best time, they report, was "when they got it all together for a quilting party and fellowship lunch in the fellowship hall of the church."

On May 15, in the morning service, with the quilt on display, the GAs and their leaders carried the congregation for a walk through the past 100 years of WMU history.



Betty Lee

## Madison honors Betty Lee for 40 years in nursery

First Church, Madison, recently honored Betty Lee for 40 years of volunteer service to the bed baby department of the church. She started serving in the nursery when she was 13 years old and Harold Jordan was pastor. James Richardson is pastor.

## English workshop set in Starkville

Faith Church, Starkville, will hold a workshop to train people to work with Internationals and in literacy, Nov. 3-6.

Mrs. Robert Sugg of Jackson will be conference leader.

The workshop will give training in teaching conversational English to Internationals and to teach English-

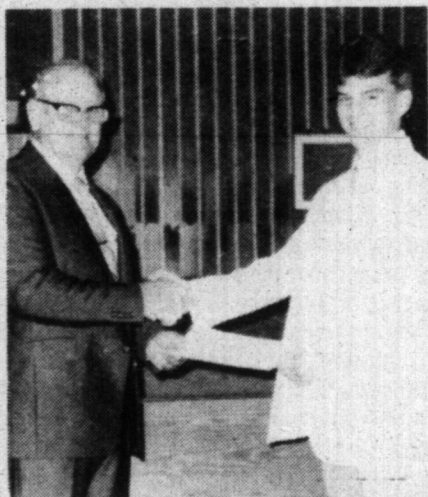
speaking adults how to read.

Sessions will be Nov. 3 and 4 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Nov. 6, 2-5 p.m.

There will be a \$10 registration fee for materials. For details, contact Faith Church at 323-9333. Bill Garrett is pastor.

## Names in the news

Harry Vickery of Greenville will be named alumnus of the year by Mississippi College during Homecoming, Oct. 21. An MC graduate, Vickery is a past chairman of MC trustees and chaired the Mississippi Mission campaign which raised \$44 million for MC, William Carey College, Blue Mountain College, and the Baptist Children's Village. Vickery is president and CEO of Harry Vickery Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, BMW, Inc.



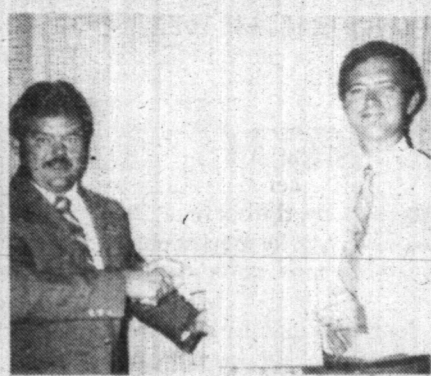
Jeffrey Childers, right, son of Linda and Earnest Childers of Hurley, was licensed to preach May 22 by Hurley Church, Hurley, and preached at the morning service.

Childers, who is in the Air Force, is currently attending Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla. He accepted Christ as his Savior in 1981 at Wade Church, Wade. He and his wife, Rena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beck of Wade, live in Crestview, Fla. with their two children, Josh, 3, and Laura, 8 months.

Kenna Byrd, left, Hurley pastor, presented the certificate of ordination.

ALEXANDRIA, La. — Gene Hendrix, formerly of Mississippi, has been elected director of the Louisiana Baptist Student Work Division to succeed Udell Smith, who retired July 31.

Hendrix is minister of education and administration at First Church, West Monroe.



Doug Gordon, left, was recently ordained as a deacon of East End Church, Columbus. Shown at right is the pastor, J. Steve Jackson, presenting the ordination certificate.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Michael A. Saffels has been named regional director of development for the Southeast Region at Southern Seminary. This includes Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida.

Two alumni of Mississippi College have been named to the order of the Golden Arrow by the alumni association. They are Roy Noble Lee and Samuel D. Anderson. Lee is chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court and an MC trustee and Anderson is president and CEO of the Alpha Therapeutic Corporation.

Marc D. Howard, pastor of Calvary Church, Belmont, was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree on Oct. 7, from the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies at Jacksonville, Fla. Degrees were conferred on 37 graduates at the Lakeshore Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

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# Isaiah prophecies of the Suffering Servant

By Robert Earl Shirley  
Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12

The identity of the one referred to as the servant in the book of Isaiah is far too complicated to be discussed in the way needed in this short lesson. He has been identified by dedicated Christian scholars as the prophet himself, an unknown ruler, and as Israel personified. The latter idea has generally received the greatest amount of support, but there can be no doubt, on the other hand, that Jesus saw himself as the fulfillment of this prophecy and that he is so accepted by much of the church today.

Of the twelve verses in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, there is only one which does not appear in whole or in part in the New Testament. It is of interest that when the eunuch was returning to Ethiopia, Philip turned to the book of Isaiah to preach to him concerning Jesus. Our Savior, likewise, in Luke 24:13, used the prophetic teachings to expound to two disillusioned



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disciples the things in the Scripture concerning himself. We find further support of this idea in Matthew 8:17, John 12:38, and Romans 10:6.

We are not to suppose that Isaiah fully understood that which would be the final fulfillment of his message. On the other hand, it is fascinating to read how the words in the New Testament concerning the life of our Savior parallel the words of the ancient prophet. Much of his message describes suffering and humiliation so terrible and horrifying as to prompt the speaker to pose the question, "Who hath believed our report?"

Although the Suffering Servant was despised and rejected by men, he submitted himself to the cross without complaint even as a lamb before the shearer is dumb. The servant in Isaiah is seen as one who, though innocent, is assigned a grave with the wicked in his death. In like manner, Christ went to his death crucified between two thieves.

The Suffering Servant carried people's grief and bore their sorrows and those who saw him

ignorantly thought that he had been stricken by God. In verse 10, Isaiah declared that it "pleased the Lord to bruise him." This does not mean that God found pleasure in the Servant's suffering but that it was God's will that he be the atoning sacrifice to accomplish redemption for all mankind. Only his perfect love and the horrible-damning consequences of sin could have made this so.

Human nature has not changed through the centuries so that the speaker in Isaiah could declare as one could today that all men like sheep have gone astray with each person seeking his own way. Redemption was needed then as it has been in every generation. Thus it was that Christ fulfilled this prophecy when he came and died willingly, submissively, without complaint and bore our sins and guilt on the cross.

With both gratitude and assurance we can read the words, "With his stripes, we are healed." This statement has meaning that goes far beyond the physical suffering that Christ endured. The Suffering Servant does not merely suffer "with" us, but he suffers "for" us. He did not merely die as a result of our sin; he died

as a remedy. He takes upon himself our suffering and our guilt, which we deserve to bear, and takes them far away. This could not have been accomplished by Israel, for she had sins of her own and shared the need of all mankind for a Savior. The perfect sacrifice that was needed was only realized in the vicarious suffering and death of Jesus Christ. No other event in all of history has been the fulfillment of this beautiful but shocking prophecy.

As a result of all the suffering and sacrifice, there comes victory. The words, "He shall prolong his days," suggests the resurrection. We do know that Christ is a living Savior, and that he has overcome both sin and the grave for all who claim him as Savior.

The atonement is too wonderful to be explained, for it is beyond the comprehension of our finite minds. However, we know it is real. We have found in the love and sacrifice of Christ that which will give us life eternal, give us comfort in our living here on earth, and give meaning and purpose to our being. Surely the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Shirley is pastor emeritus, Parkway, Tupelo.

# A light that will not be dimmed

By Steve Odom

Ephesians 3:4-9; Galatians 2:7-9

James A. Sheffield has done Southern Baptists a great service in producing a handbook called **Church Officer and Committee Guidebook**, published by



Odom

Convention Press in Nashville, Tennessee. Sheffield lists some 15 permanent church committees and six special committees. Out of a total of 21 suggested committees, not a single one is a Church Membership Committee. Isn't that a curious omission? Or is it?

Does your church have a Church Membership Committee? Probably not. It is not the prerogative of a church to decide who can and cannot be a member of the church. That has already been decided by the inclusive love of God in Jesus Christ. The only qualification for membership in a Christian church is the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and it does not take a committee to decide who has or has not made that confession.

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There is precedent, however, for a Church Membership Committee. It comes from the church in Jerusalem during the first century A.D. There seemed to be no small amount of disagreement over just who could be received into the church. Since the Christian movement had begun in Judaism and was predominantly Jewish in membership, then it only made sense that to become a Christian one must first become a Jew. In other words, Jewish Christian leaders were insisting that before any Gentile was admitted to the church, he must first be circumcised.

This first-century Church Membership Committee was composed of Jewish Christians known as Judaizers. They took it upon themselves to check the credentials of potential church members to see if they met the standard, that of circumcision and adherence to the Old Testament law. They insisted that the law had permanent validity and that no one could be saved apart from observing the law.

Paul went to Jerusalem with Titus, his Gentile

partner in ministry, to tell the Jerusalem leaders what he was preaching to the Gentiles. Even in the presence of the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, Titus did not feel the need to be circumcised as a sign of passing through Judaism into Christianity. Paul and Titus refused to give in to pressure that Gentiles live like Jews in order to become Christians (Galatians 2:1-6). When the staunch Jewish Christian leaders in Jerusalem understood that Paul was called as an apostle to the Gentiles, the pillars of the Jerusalem church, Peter, James and John, finally accepted Paul's mission and message to non-Jewish people (Galatians 2:7-10).

It was Paul's contention that to require Gentile Christians to live as Jews would lead them to abandon the gospel. Paul contended that no one can keep the law in its entirety, so there must be a completely new way of salvation. For Paul and the Gentiles, it was the way provided by the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

In writing to the Gentile Christians at Ephesus, Paul declared that the mystery of God's salvation was their inclusion in the body of Christ through the gospel, not through Judaism (Ephesians 3:1-6). No committee, an-

cient or modern, can exclude anyone from membership in the body of Christ if that person genuinely confesses Jesus Christ as Lord. And that is because of the grace of God in Christ, a grace that sees only the human need for salvation, a grace that does not stop at externals like race, color, creed, or socio-economic status. Such a grace is indeed a mystery, for it cannot be earned or deserved. It can only be received as a gift.

How anyone could love that much is beyond you and me. Such saving love can come only from God. Peter, James and John finally saw that truth and blessed Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. Even if they could not bring themselves to participate in such a ministry, they could at least affirm Paul in his ministry.

God help us in the Southern Baptist Convention to see our brothers and sisters in the same light, the light of the gospel, a light that is not dimmed by differences of opinion, a light that will not be dimmed by anybody's committee, the Light that Jesus Christ is and brings to all people everywhere.

Odom is pastor, University Church, Hattiesburg.

# The tenth plague, the Passover, and the exodus

By Frank H. Thomas, Jr.  
Exodus 12:1-13:16

The tenth and last plague was recorded in a different fashion from the previous nine. The record of the plague is surrounded by material describing the celebration of the Passover, unleavened bread, and the consecration of the firstborn. This would suggest that the observance of Passover came to be associated with each of these three celebrations and/or religious rituals.



Thomas

The instructions about the Passover lamb were given in the first several verses of chapter 12. There would be no question about the type of lamb — a one-year-old male without blemish — or how it should be cooked. It should be roasted and served with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Afterward the blood of the lamb was to be placed on the two door posts and the lintel of the houses of the Hebrews.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is described in verses 14-20 of chapter 12. Scholars of the Old Testament suggest that this festival is agricultural in its origin and that the significance of the unleavened bread is at least

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two-fold: First, the presence of leaven itself was sometimes thought to be symbolic of evil. To eat unleavened bread was to ask the Lord to expel evil from one's life and to live in such a way as not to give evil a foothold in one's life. The second manner of understanding the Feast of Unleavened Bread had to do with the speed of the exodus from Egypt. The Hebrews made their bread every day. So quick was the decision of the pharaoh to let the people go that they did not have time for the leaven to spread throughout their bread.

The instructions for the Passover meal itself are given in verses 21-28. The elders which would be similar to the heads of the clans and tribes were to select lambs for their families. This was to be a family meal, and it has continued to the present time as a family meal. The significance of the hyssop is that the hyssop was used in purification rites. It was normally used to sprinkle blood or other ritual mixtures; as an ingredient in the ritual cleansing of leprosy or the purification of the unclean and perhaps the cleansing from sin. The blood which was in the basin was thought to have a cleansing or otherwise positive effect protect-

ing the household against the demonic or the evil powers. The two door posts were significant in that one symbolized the good, and the other symbolized the evil. For the blood to be smeared upon both doorposts and the lintel was symbolic of the protection of the household.

The plague itself which was to smite the Egyptians was the final and the most devastating of the plagues. Egyptian mythology suggested that the darkness of night time represented the struggle between the Sun God and the Snake God of Darkness for victory. The victory was won at night by the Sun God whose appearance the next day as the rising of the sun indicated victory over the evil. The ninth plague was the darkness upon the land; this struck at the heart of the most basic Egyptian theology. For the death of the firstborn to occur during this time of darkness was to strike an even more deadly blow at the theology of the Egyptians and especially the power of the Egyptian gods. With the pharaoh himself being considered divine, when his son was smitten during the night by the death angel or destroyer, the impact upon the pharaoh was much too devastating for him to resist any longer.

It should be pointed out that the carrying out of this last plague was by God himself in direct fashion through the destroyer. Moses and Aaron

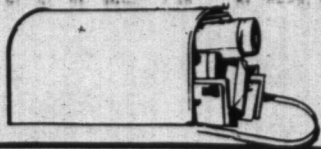
had nothing to do with the tenth plague. This should bring to focus with absolute clarity the nature of the conflict between the God of Israel and the gods of the Egyptians. With Pharaoh allowing the Israelites to leave the land, this was a clear indication of the victory of Yahweh, the God of Israel, over the gods of the Egyptians.

The pharaoh wanted the Israelites, their families, and their flocks out of his land quickly so that the plagues which had wreaked havoc upon his land would abate and so that life could return to some kind of normal conditions. When the Israelites went out from the Promised Land, they took with them the instructions that they were to observe the Passover meal in the future.

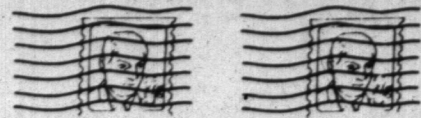
The Israelites were to keep this feast as a memorial of the deliverance which God gave to them from the hand of the Egyptians. In time to come when their children and other descendants should ask them about the feast, "what does this mean?" they were to reply that "by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of bondage." So should we remember our deliverance from sin into salvation as a regular observance. We should never forget it, and we should grow in gratitude and willingness to share with others that they too, can be redeemed from bondage.

Thomas is pastor, Alta Woods, Jackson.





# Letters to the editor



Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

## Typographical error

Editor:

I am sorry for the typographical error in the article "Missions to Brazil" in the Baptist Record, dated Oct. 6, 1988.

The Living Water Project in the city of Itaparanga, Brazil, has been very successful. It has helped break the hunger cycle for over 20,000 people.

Prior to the project development, the city averaged a murder a week. Since the project began they have had very few if any murders. Christ does have an effect on the lives of people, and our missionaries there and around the world are doing a great job of helping people come to Christ.

Joe Anderson, pastor  
First Church, Boyle

Thank you for this correction. The letter in its correct form is reprinted below. Evidently a line was dropped in typesetting and missed the rest of the way through the process. — Editor

## Missions in Brazil

Editor:

As I write this letter, Bruce Chennault, Jan Anderson, and I are returning from a Volunteer Evangelism project in the city of Campina Grande, Brazil. I would like to say thank you to the Lord, the SBC, and the MBC, and to the First Baptist Church of Boyle, Miss. for the great opportunity to participate in the great things our Lord is doing throughout his world.

While there, we stayed with missionaries Edd and Freda Trott. Revivals were held in four churches: Peniel, First Baptist, Bodoconga, and Liberdade. There were 192 professions of faith in Christ and approximately 300 other decisions. God used us in a healing work to bring two of these churches back together. One had been infiltrated by 40 young people who desired to make the church a front for the communist party. The other church had been split due to the charismatic influence. We went to do the work of an evangelist but the Lord had other work for us to do as well. We need to "bloom where we are planted."

I have seen the work these missionaries are doing both in Campina Grande and in Itaparanga. In Itaparanga, they are the directors of the Living Water Project. This is a cooperative effort by the SBC, Brazilian Baptists, and the state of Paraiba to break the hunger cycle. Before this project was begun, which is supported by the Cooperative Program, there were people who were starving to death. Burt Sutton, an agriculture missionary who is serving faithfully there, said that they averaged a murder a week. Since that time, when the project was begun, there have been over 20,000 people affected. They are able to feed themselves, and now there are very seldom any murders. The Living Water Project is

a holistic approach and meets the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional needs of the people. In the evangelism project sponsored by our Brotherhood Department, we saw 176 people come to Christ last year in Itaparanga. Our missionaries in the area, Burt and Jeannie Sutton, Bruce and Margaret Oliver, and the Trotts, face many hardships to carry the Gospel into these areas where it has never been preached. Last year we went into an area where the Gospel had never been heard and there were 16 people saved. That was a thrill!

Joe Anderson, Pastor  
First Church, Boyle

## Miracle on George Street

Editor:

Sometimes I think it's worthless to try writing on paper the things of the heart. Nevertheless, I will try.

If you'll recall a few weeks ago, I wrote seeking manpower assistance in raising-up and framing-up our sanctuary. Well, let me tell you what God did.

On Friday, Aug. 12, a group of men came from Highland Baptist Church, Vicksburg, MS., and framed up our walls. I was overwhelmed. However, on Saturday, Aug. 13, God let it all loose... over 70 men and women from all over Mississippi invaded our church property and completed the task of framing-up and blacking-in the building.

The numbers were miraculous, the accomplishment was miraculous, but the greatest miracle was in the hearts of all those that came. They came unselfishly with a passion, a desire, and a willingness to meet the needs of others and raise a building for the Kingdom of God.

Although we as a congregation have given praise to God and thanks to those who came, there still remains very few words that explain how utterly small you feel after being blessed so big.

The Thursday before all this happened I became extremely worried about feeding all who might come, since we only have five women in our church. My only alternative was to ask for help. But I am not an asking person, and to ask for food was even more embarrassing. When I sat down with the local manager of McDonald's and explained my problem, God literally broke my heart. Without any reservation, this manager agreed to furnish 60 burgers. It's with the same broken heart and many recent lessons in humility that I mention that we still have financial needs in the completion of our sanctuary. And I sincerely pray that I have not offended anyone with my asking.

To those who came; to those who prayed; and to a big, merciful God... Thank You.

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## WMU memories

Editor:

The Mississippi WMU would like to ask the WMU members among your readers the following questions:

Did you have a great WMU Centennial celebration at your church this year? Did you learn a lot about our heritage during the Centennial Year? Did you enjoy a Centennial celebration in your association? Or did you especially enjoy some aspect of our Centennial State WMU Annual Meeting? Or were you among those who participated in the spectacular Centennial Meeting in Richmond?

Now — if you answered "yes" to all, most, or any of the above, please send us an anecdote, the recollection of a happy memory, a testimony — anything you'd like to send. We're going to publish a "Centennial Recalled" issue of alongside this fall.

Please send your brief written contribution to this special edition no later than November 1. Mail to Betty Smith, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Marjean Patterson,  
executive director  
Mississippi WMU

## Do well to listen

Editor:

I'd like to comment on two articles which appeared in The Baptist Record on Page 4, dated Oct. 4, 1988, written by Marv Knox, concerning the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's recent meeting involving Dr. Curtis Caine.

The entire commission would do well, if they truly want to know the truth about the issues in question, to sit down with Dr. Caine and learn from this learned Christian man about what is taking place in this country and around the world. Rest assured, they won't change his mind over to their thinking as the article suggested; but with a willingness to listen to the real truth, he could change their thinking.

Instead of censoring this good man who had the courage to speak the truth, I'm one Southern Baptist Christian who is not at all ashamed and embarrassed by his statements.

Maybe it's time for a censoring of The Christian Life Commission's director and his statements concerning a trustee.

Lois Lee, Hazlehurst

## "Peasants-in-the-pews"

Editor:

With grave concern I have read both articles written by Marv Knox in the Oct. 6 edition of the Baptist Record regarding remarks made to the S.B.C. Christian Life Commission by Commissioner Dr. Curtis Caine Sr.

If the quotations within are accurate and the content unbiased, we then need to cry over the fact that we have so few in leadership positions within the C.L.C. that are even remotely as well informed as is Dr. Caine.

The statement quoting newly elected C.L.C. Executive Director Richard Land, "We ought to listen to Dr. Caine to see why he feels that way in order to change his mind," is ludicrous in my opinion. You ought to

listen to Dr. Caine, period, because you might learn something from Dr. Caine!

There are still many of us "peasants-in-the-pews" over 50 years of age who also have an understanding of the nature and of the danger of the socialist-communist movement within this country. And both "equality" (equal-rights) and "fraternity" (integration) by force of government are as much a part of that socialist-communist revolution within this nation today as it was a part of that socialist revolution in France during the middle 1800's, and it is just as destructive.

In Dr. Caine you have among you in the S.B.C. Christian Life Commission a real Christian who is the "salt of the earth," one who is truly a "guiding light." Don't try to cover him with a "bushel."

Bob Wells  
Hazlehurst

## Operation rescue

Editor:

In the Sept. 15, 1988 edition of The Baptist Record, you published an article entitled "Stanley opposed civil disobedience."

As one who organized the act of "civil disobedience" in Jackson last May (I call it 'Biblical obedience'), I challenge the logic and Biblical insight of Dr. Stanley.

He acknowledged that abortion is murder but does not think we should try to stop it. Baptist ministers have "thundered" from their pulpits for years, "Abortion is murder!"; but their actions have said, "We oppose what you are doing, but are unwilling to try to stop you."

There were more than 800 Christians arrested in Atlanta, many of them members of Dr. Stanley's church, during July and August.

I was abandoned in a shoe box at a Baptist church in February of 1943 as a new-born infant. I thank God that the permissive abortion laws were not

"court decisions of the land" then.

Nothing but the law has changed since January of 1973 when the Supreme Court legalized the murder of the unborn; the laws of God and the humanity of the unborn have not changed.

We have a clear mandate from God to intervene when innocent human life is endangered.

C. Roy McMillan  
Executive Director  
Christian Action Group  
Jackson

## Trustee accountability

Editor:

In reference to the decision of the trustees of William Carey College not to renew the contract of President Noonkester, might we at least know why? Are the trustees of one of our Baptist colleges not accountable to the Mississippi Baptist Convention?

My reaction is not intended in any sense as a personal attack upon the trustees, some of whom I know personally and respect. But I do question their decision. And I would also question the propriety of such a critical decision that was made by a vote of 5 to 4 and that furthermore was made in the absence of three members of the board! I believe that we as Mississippi Baptists are entitled to an explanation.

Thank you.

Wayne Campbell  
Chunky

It is generally determined that trustees of colleges are free to establish the policies of the colleges as they see fit and to employ administrators to apply those policies. Convention control comes in that the convention would be able to change the trustees if it felt that were necessary. Chaos would result if the messengers were to seek to run the convention institutions from the convention floor. — Editor

## Senior Adult Corner



Senior citizens known as the Active Group of First Church, Senatobia, are sponsoring a senior adult retreat at Cossar State Park in October. Recently they held an adult Bible school; they regularly visit sick and shut-ins. Also members of the Northwest Baptist Association Senior Adults, they have contributed recipes for the Senior Saints' Cookbook. They furnished refreshments during the children's VBS at their church this summer. Their trips have included a boat ride on the Tombigbee and a trip to Branson, Mo., and Eureka Springs, Ark. to see the Passion Play. They are planning a fall festival for November, according to their leader, Thomas Woodard, minister of education and recreation.



# Constant discipling shows results at Korean Church

By Anne W. McWilliams

While Singing Churchmen of Mississippi were getting ready in September to sing in Korea, the choir of Biloxi's Korean Baptist Church was singing for Campers on Mission on the Coast.

At the Korean Baptist Mission, "constant discipling has shown results," says Richard Colwell, language ministries coordinator for Gulf Coast Association and pastor of East Howard Church, Biloxi.

Military families make up 70 to 80 percent of the membership of the eight-year-old church which meets where once the Forrest Avenue Baptist Church met. At least 200 persons have moved into and out of the church within the past two years, said the pastor, Woong Ho Song. Yet with all this military moving in and moving out, the church is continuing to grow. Membership now is about 80, with 15 kids.

The pastor keeps in contact by mail with many of those who move away; he says at least 90 percent of those who attend church here and go back to Korea, or are transferred to some other place, remain in church wherever they go. This is an indication that Pastor Song is touching and changing lives, and that the Biloxi church's discipleship training is effective.

The constant discipling of new Christians (13 baptisms this year) and other new members includes the pastor's tape ministry. His sermon tapes go to those who request them, free of charge. (His address is 701 Forrest Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530.)

Persons in four or five states and in three or four countries have asked for them. Usually he preaches in Korean, but occasionally in English. "I'm trying to break into the English, a little at the time," he said. He was graduated from William Carey College last May, having studied at William Carey on the Coast. At present, when he preaches in Korean, one of the members acts as interpreter and translates the sermons into English.

The pastor, a native of Korea, said he hopes to visit his hometown of Seoul during the Baptist World Alliance Congress in 1990. He first came to the United States because his girl friend (who later became his wife, Sook Ja) was working in Washington, D.C. Now they have two children, ages 8 and 6. As have the other families in their church, they have taught their children to speak in Korean and in English, so that the Korean cultural patterns may stay alive.

For four years in Korea, he was pastor of a church of another

denomination, he said. It was after he came to the U.S. that he became a Baptist. The Korean Baptist Church at Mobile ordained him.

Home Bible studies on Friday nights and fellowship lunches every Sunday at the church have sometimes been a means of outreach, Pastor Song said. The Sunday meals give the members a chance to talk and to share with each other their Korean food specialties, one of which is kimchi (cabbage fermented in a crock in the ground and pepper and other ingredients added). In Sunday School, they use the Bible Book Series in the Korean language. Their WMU has about 35 enrolled and the Brotherhood 10. The choir, directed by a member of the church, has, in traditional Korean dress, sung at WMU conventions and at associational meetings. For many functions, they join with Korean churches in Pensacola, Mobile, and New Orleans.

The Gulf Coast Association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Home Mission Board, SBC, supplement the pastor's salary; the church takes care of its own building maintenance, utilities, and other expenses.

And the constant discipling continues.



Pastor Woong Ho Song.



Korean Baptist Choir, Biloxi.

## Yazoo team works in Indiana

By Mrs. Clinton Hayman

Fourteen men and women and two children representing six churches in Yazoo Association left Yazoo City for a mission trip to New Castle, Indiana this summer.

The purpose was to help Memorial Baptist Church further their dream of a church building in an ideal location.

The group of Yazoo mission volunteers included Billy Thorp, Tuck and Barbara McGinty, Curtis Savell, Max Twiner, and Willie Bob Smith. With us were David, Becky, Brad, and Timothy Chisolm, Richard Davis, and Charles Long. Also on this trip were George and Jo Ann Fielder and Clinton and Stephenie Hayman.

From a nucleus of 47 believers in January 1986, the Memorial Baptist Chapel grew to a membership of 93 on April 27, 1987 when they were constituted as Memorial Baptist Church.

They are now 120-plus. This includes Chuck Martin, pastor, and his wife, Kim, who came to them in November, 1987. The church is now meeting in a renovated metal building north of the property.

The two-story multi-purpose education building, to be used for Sunday School rooms on the lower level and the fellowship hall upstairs (to be used as the sanctuary), is planned for future expansion. The plans also include a Prayer Garden in front of the brick and vinyl siding structure.

We thought our main project at Memorial Baptist would be to sand and paint the inside walls but found the Lord's plans were much different.

The group wound up conducting a Backyard Bible Club out in the country north of the city. With the church providing the material, the Lord us-

ed four of our women to add eight children to those reached for His glory. This made about 195 contacted this summer through Vacation Bible Schools and Bible Clubs led by seven mission groups. Some of the women cooked breakfast and evening meals.

Then we learned the sanding and painting had been contracted, so a little plumbing and electrical work was done. Some put up vinyl siding and a ceiling upstairs.



### "Youth Celebration '88"

"Youth Celebration '88" was held at the Coliseum in Louisville (Winston County Association) on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. This youth gathering was unlike any before because all churches were invited to bring their youth. Several professions of faith in Christ and many other decisions were recorded. Those ministering in the Celebration were Immanuel, a contemporary Christian band from Starkville, and Danny Lanier from Little Rock, Miss. The Celebration was hosted by New Heart, a Christian singing group based in Louisville. The "Youth Celebration '89" location, date, and time will be announced later.



Yazoo team at New Castle, Ind.

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